

DAWES COMMISSION.

IT REPORTS ON THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Congress Urged to at Once Assume Political Control of the Indian Territory—The Present Form of Government Wholly Corrupt and Irresponsible.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—Included in the report of the secretary of the interior is that of the Dawes commission to the Five Civilized Tribes. The commission in reporting its failure to negotiate with the Indians say that the conditions have grown worse instead of better since the last report.

Attention is invited to the fact that four-fifths of the population of the Indian Territory, amounting to 300,000 people, have no citizenship, and yet are largely responsible for the prosperity of the Indians and development of the country. They are not intruders, but are invited under the laws of the several tribes. These men have built homes on Indian lands, made property valuable, have children of a school age, and yet are compelled to educate them at private institutions though subservient to the Indian laws. In its conclusions the commission says:

"The commission is compelled by the evidence forced upon them during their examination into the administration of the so-called governments in this territory to report that these governments in all their branches are wholly corrupt and irresponsible.

"It is in the judgment of the commission, the imperative duty of Congress to assume at once political control of the Indian territory."

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

Secretary Smith's Report Devotes Much Space to the Indian Question.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Secretary Hoke Smith, of the Interior department has made his annual report to the president. It reviews the varied work of the department, beginning with the Indian service, and calls attention to the strict enforcement which has been given to the civil service reform, both as to the places covered by the classified service, and those to which the rules of this service do not apply. The secretary dwells upon the necessity of eliminating politics from the management of Indian affairs, and of conducting each reservation upon strictly business principles, the object being to make every Indian who remains upon the reservation self-supporting and ready, as soon as possible, to assume the duties of citizenship and be freed from the paternal care of the government. The secretary is of the opinion that if the resources of each reservation are treated intelligently and the Indians required to labor in those pursuits which are adapted to particular reservations, in a few years practically all the Indians can be made self-supporting.

DEATH BEFORE DIVORCE

Peter McGeech of Lard Corner Fame Shoots Himself.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 28.—Peter McGeech, millionaire, known throughout the country as a daring speculator and keen financier, the man who ran the great lard corner in 1893 and lost millions in its collapse, shot himself this morning at his home on National avenue, just out side of the city, and was found dead in the bath room of his house at 11:35 o'clock. He had placed the muzzle of a revolver in his mouth and fired. The bullet took an upward course and penetrated the brain.

McGeech's domestic troubles undoubtedly led him to take his life. It was announced yesterday that his wife was about to bring suit for divorce on the ground of incompatibility of temper, and it is well known to their acquaintances that their married life had not been happy and they had lived apart for some time.

Senator Hill's Lecture.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 28.—Senator Hill was greeted by an audience of about 400 people at his first appearance as a public lecturer in this city last night. The prices of admission to the theater were too high and that is given as an explanation for the small attendance. The audience consisted mainly of old-line Democrats who entertained Senator Hill during the day. The lecture was on the subject of "Liberty."

Train Wrecker Convicted.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 26.—The jury in the George Washington Davis murder case returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree. The crime for which Davis has been convicted on his third trial was wrecking the Rock Island passenger train near Lincoln on the night of August 20, 1894. Eleven people were killed.

China Will Build Her Own Railways.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Special dispatches from Shanghai say it is reported there that no railway concessions have been granted to foreigners in China and that the Chinese government intends henceforth to keep the railway building in its own hands.

Captain Roemer Goes to Cuba.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 28.—Captain Thomas Rosser Roemer of the Bush Zouaves, contracting agent of the Washburn railroad, has left the city, and it is said he has gone to Cuba to join the rebels and drill them. He left ostensibly for Atlanta a week ago.

NEWSY TELEGRAMS.

Reports have reached El Paso of a big Yaqui outbreak in Northeastern Sonora. A number of citizens, including Americans, are reported killed.

New York papers announce that the case brought by Miss Zella Nicolaus-Rubman against George J. Gould for the recovery of a \$40,000 check is now practically settled.

Judge D. D. Rose, president of the Curryville Mo., bank, has been hiccoughing constantly for the last week, and although several doctors have attended him they can do nothing for him. His death is hourly expected.

Jesse Jenne, of the Eureka football team, died from injuries received in the football game at Eureka between that team and the Lewis academy team of this city. Mr. Jenne was making a run with the ball, when he was tripped, and the entire field of players ran over him. In the fall his head was caught under his right arm, injuring his spine to such an extent that complete paralysis set in.

News was received in Washington of the safety of William Willard Howard, who was supposed to have been murdered by the Kurds while on a mission of mercy to Armenia. Mr. Howard was sent to Van several months ago by the Christian Herald of New York, to distribute a relief fund of \$12,000, contributed by Americans for the benefit of the Asia Minor sufferers. Mr. Howard was sent as a substitute for Dr. Talmage, who declined to go because the Turkish government refused to guarantee his safety.

Hon. John R. Lynch, the Mississippi ex-congressman, in conversation with a gentleman of Washington Court House, Ohio, said in reference to Senator Sherman's book: "The only money I know of being used in the South to draw State delegations to the support of any candidate for the Republican presidential nomination was that which was used in the interest of John Sherman's candidacy. Although I got none of it myself, I know of money having been used in that direction."

Sheriff Laird of Benton county, Missouri, arrived in Topeka with corrected requisition papers from Governor Stone for Fred Chisholm, held at Lawrence on the charge of abducting Rose Thouvernal, a white girl. He also brought along a number of affidavits from people in Warsaw and vicinity which protested that there was no danger of Chisholm being lynched by a mob upon his return to Missouri. The papers will be presented to Governor Morrill to-day.

At St. Joseph Mo., Walter Vanloon, Charles Simon and Ed Ware, the first two barbers and the last a bricklayer, planned to rob the post-office at Anna, six miles south of here, last night. Vanloon was drunk and abusive, and while on the way out of the city had some words with a policeman. The trio were arrested and a full set of burglar's tools found in their possession. Deputy United States Marshals Smith and Miller were secreted in the postoffice, armed with Winchester, ready to give the robbers a warm reception.

Secretary Herbert, in his annual report, will recommend that naval cadets be appointed by civil service examinations. At present the naval academy is supplied by cadets appointed by congressmen, one from each district. The secretary proposes to take this entirely out of the hands of members and have examinations held by the Civil Service Commission, and have the Naval Academy officials select a cadet from the three passing the highest examination.

From the best information obtainable, it seems likely Seneca F. Payne of New York, will lead the ways and means committee; Mr. Hitt of Illinois, foreign affairs; Henderson of Iowa, appropriations; Grosvenor of Ohio, rivers and harbors; Walker of Massachusetts, banking and currency, and Hepburn of Iowa, interstate commerce. Mr. Dingley of Maine, who was talked of in connection with the chairmanship of the ways and means, in order not to embarrass Mr. Reed, consented to having the chairmanship go to Mr. Payne.

Commander-in-Chief Walker, of the G. A. R., said that the National G. A. R. would ask for some legislation during the coming Congress. "In the first place," said he, "we shall ask that the pensions be made specific in character and relief, so that it will not be left to an arbitrary board to determine whether or not a man is entitled to a pension."

"Another thing we want is uniformity in widows' pensions. We ask that these pensions be made uniform at \$12 a month. We also ask that the dependent clause in widows' pensions be changed."

Rev. J. T. M. Johnston, the Baptist minister of Jefferson City Mo., who so bitterly arraigned United States Minister Terrell Sunday night, furnished the Press with a brief note last night in which he corrects a statement published in New York to the effect that he had said Mr. Terrell had actually adopted the Mohammedan religion. Mr. Johnston says that he meant to convey the idea that Mr. Terrell might as well be a Turk, so far as the Americans under the domain of the sultan are concerned; that he obtains favors for himself and does not bother himself about others. He says he did not charge Mr. Terrell with abetting the murder of the Christians, or that he individually garbles or smothers press reports. The petition signed by Mr. Johnston and the thirty-three other members of his party, asking for Minister Terrell's removal, has been forwarded to Secretary Olney.

DEPARTMENT OF WAR.

SECRETARY LAMONT REPORTS ON THE ARMY.

Points Out the Slowness of Work on Coast Defenses—At the Present Rate of Progress It Will Take Seventy Years to Complete Plans Approved.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—Secretary of War Lamont has submitted his annual report to President Cleveland. The feature of it is a showing of the tardiness with which the plans for coast defenses and armaments are being carried out. "The original plan," says Secretary Lamont, "contemplated an expenditure of \$97,782,800 by the end of the present year. The actual expenditures and appropriations for armament and emplacements have, however, been but \$10,631,000. The average annual appropriation for these two objects has been less than \$1,500,000. The work has therefore been conducted at about a seventh of the rate proposed. If future appropriations for the manufacture of guns, mortars and carriages be no larger than the average authorized for the purpose since 1888, it will require twenty-two years more to supply the armament of the eighteen important ports for which complete projects are approved. If the appropriations for the engineer work are to continue at the rate of the annual appropriations since 1890, it will require seventy years to complete the emplacements and platforms for this armament for the ports referred to. It rests with Congress to determine by its appropriations the period which shall elapse before our coasts shall be put in a satisfactory condition of defense. The amount required for the eighteen ports is about \$18,000,000, and the entire work can be completed within ten years."

The report shows that the expenses of the war department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1895, were \$52,987,750. The appropriation for the current fiscal year is \$40,466,571, and the estimate for the following year is \$51,945,643.

The secretary calls attention to the reduced appropriation for the pay department for last year, which left the paymaster general without sufficient funds to meet the army pay roll for the last month of the year. The secretary gave his personal note to meet the deficiency of \$24,000, and recommends an appropriation to reimburse him.

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The number of enlisted men in the army, as shown by the report, is 25,358, and the effective list is placed at 20,584.

Secretary Lamont renews his recommendation of last year that the President be authorized to appoint ten cadets at large to the Military Academy at West Point each year, to fill vacancies caused by the failure of representatives to appoint.

THIRTEEN PERISH.

Fatal Result of a Cave-In at a New York Mine.

CARMEI, N. Y., Nov. 30.—An accident resulting in the loss of thirteen or fourteen lives occurred at the Tilley-Foster mines a little after 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Foreman Patrick was descending into the pit to take the time of two gangs of laborers, numbering about thirty-five men, who were working at the bottom, when a vast weight of earth and rock slid with the force of an avalanche from the mouth of the pit to the bottom, a distance of 300 feet. The earth crashed over the men with tremendous force. Out of one gang of eleven only five came out alive, and three of the men employed in another gang were taken out dead. Several of the workmen were severely injured. Many accidents have occurred at the Tilley-Foster mine, but none has been attended by so great a loss of life as this.

Believed to Be a Murder.

EUREKA, Kan., Nov. 28.—W. H. Orvis, a prominent citizen of Severy, Kan., was found dead in bed just before noon yesterday. Foul play is suspected and an inquest is being held. Orvis was sandbagged and robbed of \$5,000 in Government bonds at Severy a few months ago. Subsequently some one gained access to his room at night and left a note telling how the bonds could be recovered. Mr. Orvis followed directions and recovered his property by the payment of a sum of money. It is now thought by many persons that he has been murdered in order to prevent the exposure of the parties who robbed him.

St. Joseph Men Plan Robbery.

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Review of Trade.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade says:

Business has not improved, though there is very little change except in the shrinkage of prices which a period of inaction naturally causes. After the extraordinary buying of the summer and early fall a marked decrease was inevitable and it is yet too early in most branches to judge how far the future was anticipated in purchases. Retail stocks are still reported full in nearly all branches, with delayed distribution in many on account of unfavorable weather. The movement of crops is only fair, both cotton and wheat being largely kept back in the hope of higher prices, and there is a prevalent feeling that foreign imports will fall off.

THE MARKETS.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 1.—Wheat offerings were light to-day and they sold readily at about the usual prices, with two or three elevator men taking all the offerings. A car of No. 2 red wheat—the only one which has been received for several days—sold at 65¢ per bushel. Hard wheat—No. 2, 88¢; No. 3, 85¢; No. 4, 82¢; rejected, 35¢; no grade, 30¢. Soft wheat—No. 2, 68¢; No. 3, 65¢; No. 4, 62¢; rejected, 45¢; no grade, 35¢. Spring wheat—No. 2, 57¢; No. 3, 54¢; rejected, 40¢; white spring, 59¢. Corn—No. 2, 25¢; No. 3, 23¢; No. 4, 21¢; no grade, 20¢. Oats—No. 2, 17¢; No. 3, 15¢; No. 4, 14¢; no grade, 13¢. No. 2 white, 19¢; No. 3 white, 17¢. Rye—No. 2, 33¢; No. 3, 30¢; No. 4, 28¢. Bran—46¢ per cwt sacked; bulk, 6¢ less. Hay—Timothy—Choice, \$9.11; No. 1, \$8.50; No. 2, \$8.00; No. 3, \$7.50; tancy prairie, \$7.00; choice, \$6.50; No. 1, \$5.25; No. 2, \$4.50; packing hay, \$1.50.

Chicago Board of Trade.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—The following is the range of prices of the grain and provision market on the board of trade:

	High	Low	Close Nov. 30	Close Nov. 23
WHEAT—				
November	56	56	56	56 1/2
December	56 1/2	56	56 1/2	56 1/2
May	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2	60 1/2
CORN—				
November	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
December	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2	26 1/2
May	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
OATS—				
November	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
December	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
May	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
PORE—				
December	7 3/4	7 3/4	7 3/4	7 3/4
January	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4
May	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4	9 1/4
LARD—				
November	5 3/4	5 3/4	5 3/4	5 3/4
January	5 3/4	5 3/4	5 3/4	5 3/4
May	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4
SHORT RIBS—				
November	4 27 1/2	4 27 1/2	4 27 1/2	4 25
January	4 47 1/2	4 47 1/2	4 47 1/2	4 45
May	4 67 1/2	4 67 1/2	4 67 1/2	4 65

Live Stock.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 1.—Cattle—Receipts 633; calves, 50; shipped yesterday, 3,132 cattle, 12 calves. The market was nominally steady. Dressed beef and export steers, \$13.15@13.75. Texas and Indian steers, \$12.00@12.50. Cows and heifers, \$10.00@11.00. S. ockers and feeders, \$7.75@8.00. Calves, \$5.00@5.50. Hogs—Receipts, 9,573, shipped yesterday, 1,300. The market was steady to 5¢ higher. The top sale was \$3.50 and the bulk of sales from \$3.40 to \$3.45. Sheep—Receipts, 6; shipped yesterday, 1,337. The market was nominally steady. Horses—Receipts, 22; shipped yesterday, 20. There was no trading to-day. The market closed yesterday about steady with the ruling prices of the week.

BUSINESS REVIEW.

A Slight Shrinkage of Prices Occurs From Natural Causes.

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SUGAR BEET WHISKY.

Illicit Still Run by a Nebraska Farmer Which Made Fifty Gallons a Day.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 30.—The vast yield of sugar beets in Nebraska and the inability of farmers to dispose of the vast quantity as rapidly as convenient have provoked some peculiar violations of the revenue laws. A still has been captured in Sherman county from which whisky was being made from the beets. It was owned by Charles Riedel, a farmer. The quality of the whisky was good and fears are entertained by revenue officials that others will engage in the business. The still had a capacity of fifty gallons a day. An old cook stove and a vacated sod house composed the establishment.

A MINE TR LE SETTLED.

Rich Hill Men Receive a Compromise Increase in Their Wages.

RICH HILL, Mo., Nov. 30.—Superintendent W. B. Williams of the Rich Hill Mining Company returned from St. Louis yesterday, where he had gone to lay the grievances of the miners before higher officials of the company. After the strike of two years ago miners were cut down to forty cents a ton for digging coal with a promise of restoration to fifty cents when business should get better. The miners held a meeting last Sunday and decided to strike if they were not restored. Yesterday a compromise was effected, the miners receiving fifty cents for all coal under 3 1/2 feet and forty-five cents for all coal over that thickness.

Death of a Football Player.

WICHITA, Kan., Nov. 30.—Jesse Jenne, of the Eureka football team, died yesterday from injuries received in the football game at Eureka between that team and the Lewis academy team of this city. Mr. Jenne was making a run with the ball, when he was tripped, and the entire field of players ran over him. In the fall his head was caught under his right arm, injuring his spine to such an extent that complete paralysis set in.

Fraker's Health Precarious.

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Nov. 30.—A fellow prisoner of Dr. G. W. Fraker has written to Captain J. L. Faris, Fraker's attorney, that the doctor's health is precarious, and that his doctors in Richmond report that he is afflicted with an incurable case of Bright's disease. The letter says that at times Fraker is out of his mind. He has asked that Dr. J. M. Allen of Liberty be called to see him. His attorney here will see that the request is attended to.

Meade Is Found Guilty.

ATCHISON, Kan., Nov. 29.—The trial of R. C. Meade, ex-superintendent of the Atchison public schools, who defrauded confiding widows and unsuspecting school teachers out of vast sums of money, deserted his wife and children, and eloped with his young lady clerk, has terminated in a verdict of guilty. He will be sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Chisholm Discharged and Rearrested.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Nov. 30.—Fred Chisholm, the negro arrested here for abducting Rose Thouvernal, a white girl, from Warsaw, Mo., was discharged to-day by Judge Benson on a writ of habeas corpus, and married the girl at once. He was then rearrested by the sheriff of Franklin county as a fugitive from justice.

Asphyxiated by Coal Gas.

PLATTE CENTER, Neb., Nov. 30.—This morning the Rev. A. Henrich and his wife were asphyxiated by gas from their hard coal stove. Mr. Henrich was found dead and his wife was dying when neighbors forced the door. They came from Louisville, Ky., several years ago. Several children living in Denver have been notified.

Hiccoughing Himself to Death.

VANDALIA, Mo., Nov. 30.—Judge D. D. Rose, president of the Curryville bank, nine miles east of here, has been hiccoughing constantly for the last week, and although several doctors have attended him they can do nothing for him. His death is hourly expected.

Shooting at a Charivari.

NEVADA, Mo., Nov. 30.—Last night at a charivari near Moundville, a shotgun was fired into the house and a young lady was severely wounded. Three young men, Harris, Adams and Roseberry were arrested on the charge of having done the shooting.